IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

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ROBERT D. BELUE, et al.,	AG. HACKETT WITH
Plaintiffs,	AMULT LOWER MEN
v.) CASE NO. 2:06-CV-0134-WKW
A.O. SMITH ELECTRICAL)
PRODUCTS COMPANY, et al.,)
Defendants.)

ACCEPTANCE AND WAIVER

TROY KING, Attorney General of the State of Alabama, acknowledges service of the Answer and Defenses of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to Plaintiffs' Complaint in the above-styled cause pursuant to §6-6-227 *Code of Alabama*, 1975 (Attached). The Attorney General, having filed this Acceptance and Waiver in this action, hereby waives any further service upon him of any pleadings, discovery and other matters filed in this cause and presently waives the right to be heard.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 5th day of January, 2007, served a copy of the foregoing

by first-class United States Mail, postage prepaid and addressed upon the following:

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§6-6-227. Persons to be made parties; rights of persons not parties.

All persons shall be made parties, who have, or claim, any interest which would be affected by the declaration, and no declaration shall prejudice the rights of persons not parties to the proceeding. In any proceeding which involves the validity of a municipal ordinance, or franchise, such municipality shall be made a party and shall be entitled to be heard; and if the statute, ordinance, or franchise is alleged to be unconstitutional, the Attorney General of the state shall also be served with a copy of the proceeding and be entitled to be heard. (Act 1935, No. 355, p. 777; Code 1940, T.7, § 166.)